



**PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH,  
THE WORLD, THE PARISH & ONE ANOTHER**



<b>SUN ✘ 26 Apr</b>	3rd Sunday of Easter	Mass offered privately	Gerry Firth RIP Pro Populo - for the people of the parish
<b>Mon 27 Apr</b>	Easter feria	No Mass today	
<b>Tue 28 Apr</b>	Easter feria	Mass offered privately	For those living alone
<b>Wed 29 Apr</b>	St Catherine of Siena Patron of Europe	Mass offered privately	Pro Populo - for the people of the parish
<b>Thur 30 Apr</b>	Easter feria	Mass offered privately	For the National Health Service and all who work within it
<b>Fri 01 May</b>	Easter feria	Mass offered Privately	Pro Populo - for the people of the parish
<b>Sat 02 May</b>	St Athanasius Bishop & Doctor	Mass offered privately	For all who are critically ill at this time
<b>SUN ✘ 03 May</b>	4th Sunday of Easter	Mass offered privately	Pro Populo - for the people of the parish

**Prayer intentions during the pandemic:** We pray for all who work in the NHS at this time, for our wonderful doctors, nurses and support staff, for all who are sick in any way, for the elderly & vulnerable and for those who feel afraid. For our politicians making difficult decisions and for a compassionate heart for those who don't have to make difficult decisions but who readily criticise. Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

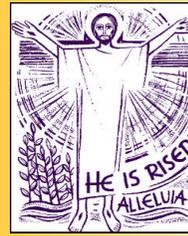
**Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father for April** - Freedom from addiction. We pray that those suffering many be helped and accompanied.

**MAKING CONTACT AT ST JOHN FISHER**

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 Book keeper: Traci Blundell Currently on Furlough  
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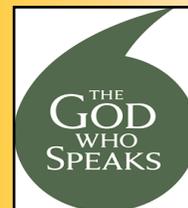
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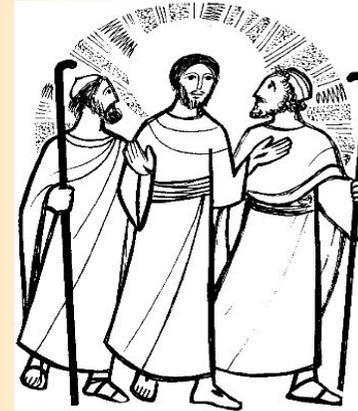


Sunday cycle  
Readings Year A  
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**ST JOHN FISHER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



**Sunday 26th April 2020  
3RD SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**



**HOLY MASS  
THIS SUNDAY**  
They recognised him  
at the breaking of  
bread

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14,22-33

St. Peter and the apostles announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11

God will show us the path of life.

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 1:17-21

You were saved by Christ's sacrifice.

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 24:13-35

Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus.

**SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"Let us sing alleluia here on earth, while we still live in anxiety, so that we may sing it one day in heaven in full security."

St Augustine of Hippo

**Whilst all public Masses have been suspended  
be assured that the Holy Mass is offered at SJF in private,  
day by day, for your intentions.**

**BISHOPS TO LIVE-STREAM THURSDAY MASSES DURING PANDEMIC:** The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales recognise that this time of the pandemic is affecting every person in our country and beyond. Those who are sick, and their families, are suffering many hardships of isolation from contact with those they love. Our front-line workers in hospitals and in care homes all over our lands are giving exceptional service to those who are vulnerable at this time.

To show a spiritual solidarity with all those who are involved, each week on Thursday, a Catholic Bishop will celebrate Mass in their Cathedral which will be live-streamed for people to join. This will take place every Thursday at 7.00pm.

30th April: Bishop Richard Moth, [Arundel Cathedral](#)

7th May: Bishop Marcus Stock, [Leeds Cathedral](#)

14th May: Bishop Robert Byrne, [Newcastle Cathedral](#)

21st May: Bishop Mark Davies, [Shrewsbury Cathedral](#)

28th May: Bishop Terence DrainOey, [Middlesbrough Cathedral](#)

Cardinal Vincent offered Mass in Westminster Cathedral last Thursday. His homily at the Mass can be read here: <https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/homilies/homily-for-mass-for-healthcare-workers-carers-the-sick-and-their-families/>

**MASS INTENTIONS:** We can still arrange Mass intentions and have space available at Eastertide. To request a Mass intention, in thanksgiving, for a birthday or a wedding anniversary or for someone who is ill or who has died, please contact Fr Shaun via the office email or telephone.

**MANY THANKS...** You may have heard through the grapevine that I have been unwell for the past fortnight. I am pleased to tell you that I am getting better day by day. I am almost symptom free, so still recuperating in the confines of the house (and church) for the time being. Thank you to parishioners who have dropped off groceries to keep me going and to all who have offered prayers for my recovery, these have been

invaluable and appreciated greatly. Please be assured that wherever you are, you are in my prayers daily and remembered at the Holy Mass day by day. May the Lord be with you all.

Fr Shaun

**IT'S GOOD TO TALK:** It is my intention to resume the opportunity to speak with parishioners over the telephone. I am gradually working my way through the parish database, but if I haven't got to you yet and you would appreciate the opportunity to chat, do please give me a call me, especially if you are feeling a bit isolated, in any case it would be good to know how you are. Our current database is rather dated and there may be a wrong number or two or you may have moved. The good news moving forward is that our parish has this past week, joined a Diocesan trial of a new database system, so coming soon we will be able to securely update our church members list. Look out for more details soon.

**PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD AROUND** that we are producing this *On Line* newsletter each week. It might be just the link that some parishioners need, to help to keep them in the loop and up to date.

**SJF SAMARITANS:** Thank you to all who have joined this new community group helping those who are self isolating or social distancing, to get help, be it with urgent shopping delivery, telephone companionship or support or picking up urgent medicines. If you would like to help, please contact Fr Shaun via email and please include your contact number. If you are in need of any urgent help, please phone Fr Shaun. You might also have heard that *Quality Fruit* amongst other retailers are offering to deliver to the elderly and vulnerable. If you want to place an order you can do so via Jean on: 07764 287595

**AN UPDATE ON OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS:** Nathalie and Traci have joined with other employees across the Diocese in the Furloughing initiative, advertised by the Government. This will protect jobs in the Diocese long term, but it does mean that for the coming weeks, they will no longer be working - even from home. If you have any enquires, Fr Shaun will be able to assist you.

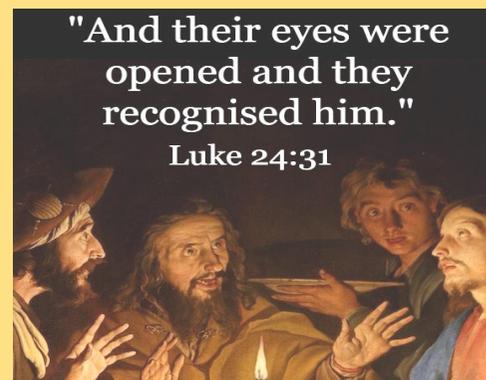
**LITTLE CHURCH:** Have a look at our microsite and click on the tab '*THINGS TO DO WHILST AT HOME*'

**THANKS FOR THINKING OF US:** Some parishioners have made requests recently for their new weekly envelopes, which can be posted out and others have asked to move over to a Standing Order with the bank so they can keep their gift offering to our church going.

Importantly however, we realise for many who are unable to work, that this is a difficult time and church contributions are difficult. Please know that the care of your family comes first and whatever you would like to offer now or afterwards, when the time is right, will be a welcome gift. If you are wanting to help us now, the Diocese have just updated our Donate Page on our microsite:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/Shepperton/donate>

This page offers various ways to help us to keep on paying our bills. Many thanks for your help.



**MANNA FOOD BANK:** Donations to food banks have dropped significantly. This is also the case for our local foodbank, Manna. Current shortages in particular are tinned and other long-life products and toiletries. You can make donations to boxes at: Sainsbury's in Shepperton; Sainsbury's on The Causeway in Staines; Barclays Bank on Staines High Street and Laleham Village Shop/Laleham Food & Wine/Best One in Laleham. If you consider a donation too large to drop off contact Murray Ransom from Manna directly on 07768 585 711 Thank you.

**MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY** The image of our Blessed Lady, in church, will be crowned at the beginning of the Month as usual. May our Lady, Mother of the Lord and our Mother, pray for us.

**CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY** in Westminster Cathedral, has been cancelled for the time being. We will update with a new date, when available.

**RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Margaret Ward (former district nurse)  
Gerry Firth (former parishioner)

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS APRIL**

Margaret Ward, Maurice Ward, Leila Waterhouse, Edward Reilly, Christopher Romer, Winifred Smith, Maureen Keady, William Walsh, Ted Jones, Anna Semkowicz-Holt, Cecilia Grose

**Eternal rest grant to them O Lord**

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